उद्योगों संबंधी उच्च अधिकार प्राप्त समिति की सिफारिशों के अनुसरण में, ग्रामीण उद्योगों को ऋण और ब्याज सहायता प्रदान करने की खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग की विगत योजनाएं बन्द कर दी गई हैं और सीमान्त धन प्रदान करने की एक नयी योजना चलाई गई है। इस योजना के तहत सभी चुनिन्दा व्यक्तियों को लाभ होता है जिनमें अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचति जनजाति, महिलाएं और अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय शामिल हैं। फिर भी, इन विशेष श्रेणियों से संबंधित लाभभोगियों का अंशदान 5% है, जबकि सामान्य श्रेणी से संबंधित व्यक्तियों का अंशदान 10% है। यह संशोधित यौजना वर्ष 1995-96 में आरंभ की गयी है और यह क्रियान्वयन की विभिन्न अवस्थाओं पर है।

Proposals Submitted by Government of Maharashtra

2355. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals submitted by Government of Maharashtra relating to irragular supply of Medicines under the Malaria Eradication Programme and reimbursement of 50% of the cost of medicines proposed to be purchased by the State Government; 10% Grant in aid under NMEP for Tribal and Hilly Areas; opening a branch of National Institute of Communicable Diseases as; in Maharashtra have been cleared; and

(b) if so, what is the status of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Maharashtra Govt. have been assured of regular supply of insecticides. The National Malaria Eradication Programme is a 50 : 50 cost-sharing Programme between the Centre and the States and reimbursement due can be made within the ambit of the Scheme.

For the purpose of intensification of Malaria Control activities in the tribal areas of 7 Peninsular States including Maharashtra, a Malaria Control Project for obtaining World Bank assistance is under formulation.

A proposal to open a branch of NICD in Maharashtra is under consideration.

Railway reservation for army Jawans

2356. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is adequate railway reservation arrangment for army officers/jawans who go on short leave and required to join duty immediately thereafter; and

(b) if not, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The Railway Borad has fixed a quota of seats/berths in AC II tier, first class and second class compartments in various trains for utilisation by Defence Services personnel, which is known as Defence Department Quota (DD Quota) and is controlled by the Movement Control Organisation (MCO) of the Army located at the respective Railway stations. If after meeting all demands of civilians some berths/seats are still vacant, they can be allotted for use by the Defence Service personnel over and above the DD quota. The under-utilised DD Quota gets merged with the Railway Quota. The DD Quota is periodically reviewed jointly by the Railways and Defence authorities and depending upon the actual utilisation, changes are carried out.

Survey of Leprosy

2357. SHRI NYODEM YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any state-wise survey to find out the number of patiants suffering from Leprosy;